

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit for a hydraulic excavator having at least two motor drives, each of which acts on at least two closed drive circuits which are connected in parallel and each has a hydraulic pump and a hydraulic motor, in each case two drive circuits forming a drive circuit group and all the drive circuit groups being connected in parallel and operating on a common output drive, connecting lines being provided between the hydraulic pumps and hydraulic motors of a each drive circuit group, wherein the connecting lines (L111, L112; L121, L122; L211, L212; L221, L222) of each drive circuit group (AKG1, AKG2) are arranged only between the hydraulic pumps (P11, P12; P21, P22) and the hydraulic motors (HM11, HM12; HM21, HM22) of the respective drive circuit group (AKG1, AKG2), in such a way that there is no hydraulic connection between the different drive circuit groups (AKG1, AKG2), the respective drive circuit group (AKG1, AKG2) each having its own control valve (S1, S2) connected to it.
3. (Original) The hydraulic circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein filters (F11, F12; F21, F22) are in each case arranged in the connecting lines (AL11, AL12; AL21, AL22) between the drive circuits of one (A11, A12; A21, A22) drive circuit group.
4. (Original) The hydraulic circuit as claimed in claim 2 wherein each motor drive (M1, M2) acts in each case on only one drive circuit of a respective drive circuit group (AKG1, AKG2).

5. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic circuit of Claim 3, wherein each motor drive acts only on one drive circuit for a respective drive circuit group.